Kentucky Department of Education Division of Exceptional Children Services

Statewide Count of Children and Youth with Disabilities

1992 through 2006

Difference and % Change are from 1992 to 2006

Disability	12/01/92	12/01/93	12/01/94	12/01/95	12/1/1996	12/1/1997	12/1/1998	12/1/1999	12/1/2000	12/1/2001	12/1/2002	12/1/2003	12/1/2004	12/1/2005	12/1/2006	Difference	% Change
Mild Mental Disabilities	14,514	15,198	15,000	15,098	14,906	15,012	15,124	15,065	14,897	14,942	14,843	14,817	14,813	14,505	14,234	(280)	-1.93%
Functional Mental Disabilities	2,726	3,056	3,178	3,261	3,266	3,242	3,155	3,128	3,115	3,074	3,116	3,065	3,097	3,160	3,239	513	18.82%
Hearing Impairment	570	894	889	874	875	851	796	793	765	711	692	687	706	698	696	126	22.11%
Communication Disorders	28,052	25,834	26,133	26,748	26,802	26,734	26,240	26,507	26,598	27,260	27,340	28,453	29,015	30,055	30,657	2,605	9.29%
Visual Impairment	364	530	505	507	502	484	480	474	494	459	468	463	460	485	533	169	46.43%
Emotional Behavioral Disability	3,283	3,977	4,456	4,776	5,228	5,263	5,486	5,763	5,872	5,861	5,770	5,689	5,699	5,846	5,803	2,520	76.76%
Orthopedic Impairment	472	486	507	510	525	548	541	543	533	533	556	568	553	532	528	56	11.86%
Other Health Impairment	408	556	1,058	1,675	2,408	3,474	4,562	5,656	6,852	8,119	9,348	10,649	12,114	13,372	14,330	13,922	3412.25%
Specific Learning Disability	23,302	22,940	22,228	21,841	22,220	21,725	21,752	21,116	20,455	19,697	18,896	17,957	16,789	15,341	14,411	(8,891)	-38.16%
Deaf/Blind	7	9	17	15	13	15	19	17	16	17	16	14	18	17	15	8	114.29%
Multiple Disabilities	1,162	1,374	1,435	1,560	1,761	1,899	2,059	2,335	2,542	2,853	3,266	3,738	4,269	4,212	3,989	2,827	243.29%
Autism	53	121	221	332	440	546	736	908	1,032	1,205	1,378	1,586	1,783	2,068	2,367	2,314	4366.04%
Traumatic Brain Injury	34	80	109	138	154	170	180	191	195	211	237	226	234	237	245	211	620.59%
Developmental Delay	3,897	4,459	4,982	5,554	5,952	6,009	6,843	9,041	11,206	13,204	14,368	15,871	17,366	18,270	18,307	14,410	369.77%
STATEWIDE 3-21 COUNT	78,844	79,514	80,718	82,889	85,052	85,972	87,973	91,537	94,572	98,146	100,294	103,783	106,916	108,798	109,354	30,510	38.70%

NOTE: Following the federal regulation changes, in 2000 Kentucky changed Developmental Disabilities from ages 3 through 5 to include children ages 3 through 8, which accounts for the noticeable increase in the number of students identified in this category.

NOTE: In approximately 1995, the federal government allowed attention deficit disorders to be added to the Other Health Impairment category. Prior to that time, ADHD/ADD were not included as educational disabilities, thus the increase in the number of children in this category.